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| BOX NO. I TITLE OF INVENTION  A METHOD FOR OPTIMISING THE VISCOSITY OF JUICES AND PUREES, IN PARTICULAR FOR TOMATOES AND FRUIT  |  |  |
|   | n is also inventor                                 |  |
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| SWITZERLAND   |  | Applicant's registration No. with the Office   |
| State (that is, country) of nationality: CH   | State (that is, country) CH                        | of residence:  |
| This person is applicant for the purposes of:  all designated States  All designated States   |  | the United States of America only the States indicated in the Supplemental Box   |
| Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURT   | HER) INVENTOR(S)                                   |  |
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| State (that is, country) of nationality:  | State (that is, country)                           | oi residence:  |
| This person is applicant all designated all designated for the purposes of:  all designated the United States   | ed States except States of America                 | the United States of America only the States indicated in the Supplemental Box   |
| Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated   | on a continuation sheet.                           |  |
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| The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authoritie   | s as:  | agent common representative  |
| Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation.  The address must include postal code and name of country.)  Telephone No.  0039-0521-205311  |  |  |
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| Box No. VI PRIORITY  | CLAIM   |   |   |  |
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| Box No. VII INTERNAT   | TIONAL SEARCHING AU   | THORITY   |   |  |
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| Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):                             |   |   |   |  |
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| Box No. VIII (i) Declaration as to the identity of the inventor :  |   |   |   |  |
| Box No. VIII (ii) Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent : 1   |   |   | : 1   |  |
| Box No. VIII (iii)   | Box No. VIII (iii) Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application : 1   |   |   | : 1  |
| Box No. VIII (iv) Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America):  1   |   |   |   |  |
| Box No. VIII (v) Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty :  |   |   |   |  |
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| Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT  The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request. |
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| Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:   |
| in relation to this international application,  |
| SIG Technology Ltd. is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:  |
| SIG Technology Ltd. is entitled as employer of the inventor, PACIELLO Gerardo.  |
| This declaration is made for the purposes of all designations, except the designation of the United States of America.  |
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| Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)): |
| in relation to this international application,  |
| PACIELLO Gerardo is entitled to claim priority of earlier application   |
| No. PR2004A000006, IT, 30 January 2004  |
| by virtue of the following:   |
| the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application.  |
| This declaration is made for the purposes of the following designations for national and/or regional patents: US.   |
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## Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)

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| Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv)) for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:   |   |  |
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| I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and f  | one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor or which a patent is sought.  |  |
| This declaration is directed to the international application of which   | it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).   |  |
| This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/ to Rule $26ter$ ).  | (if furnishing declaration pursuant   |  |
| I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship a   | are as stated next to my name.  |  |
| I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed. |   |  |
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| I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is k 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, mate of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the c  | rial information which became available between the filing date   |  |
| I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge<br>are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made<br>made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section<br>false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any  | with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful   |  |
| Name: PACIELLO Gerardo   |   |  |
| Residence: Parma, Italy (city and either US state, if applicable, or country)  |   |  |
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